



"MY GLORY ALL THE CROSS"

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Galatians 6:14).

Paul had many things to glory of himself. He was highly educated and influential man. Before his encounter with Jesus Christ on the road of Damascus he might have been great man of pride of his cast, his education and his political influence (Philippians 3:4-6). But after his encounter with resurrected Jesus Christ he was completely changed person, down to the earth. See how he spoke: "7.But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the Excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. 9. Be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Philippians 3:7-9).

MANY SEEK GLORY FOR THEMSELVES

"23. Thus saith the LORD, let not the wise (man) glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches. 24. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I (am) the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these (things) I delight saith the LORD" (Jeremiah 9:23-24). Paul could have done that but did not do nor he uttered boasting words of anything.

After he knew who Jesus was he only could say, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world crucified unto me, and I unto the world." From this declaration he expressed that he was totally give for the cause of Christ! Look what he said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Paul knew that he has been sanctified (set apart) from the world system unto the Lord His God! And he by any means does not have any authority on his life which was bought by the precious Blood of the Lamb of God. He then realized that he is no more in friendship with the world but with the Lord Himself. He did realize that he cannot boast in anything but in the Excellency of Christ His God.

Not the in the cross of Paul but in the Cross of Jesus Christ Paul says that he boasts. He looks at that Cross of Jesus Christ that separated him from the world system and separated unto Christ forever! Privileged sanctification!

I believe the Cross that Jesus carried to the Calvary and died on that as a sacrificial death for you and me in order to forgive us, restore us back to His wonderful and beautiful relationship and fellowship must realize that there is nothing in which we can boast ourselves but **in the Lord and in His Cross alone!** Psalmist says, "My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad" (Psalms 34:2).

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pay for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, <u>Jesus is Lord</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith</u>, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).



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